

# KNOX MAY GET STATE MANTLE

Close Friends Say Pennsylvania Man Logical Head of Harding Cabinet.

With the return of some of the members of the Harding party from Point Isabel, and the prospective early return of the President-elect from Panama, gossip concerning the new Cabinet is becoming more and more animated.

**MANY PAPER FORECASTS.**  
Cabinets and more Cabinets have been made up on paper, but the fact of the matter is, according to those closest to Senator Harding, that he has not yet selected his advisors, although it is true that he has talked over the qualifications of this man and that man for the Cabinet.

What will be done about the office of Secretary of State continues to be the subject of the most talk and consideration. Lately, the opinion is growing in well-informed quarters that Elihu Root will probably not be chosen for the Secretaryship of State. The man who would undoubtedly meet the favor of the most of the men with whom Senator Harding is accustomed to counsel is said to be Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, former Secretary of State.

Close friends of Senator Knox say he would be willing to quit the Senate for the office of Secretary of State, to carry out international policies which he has advocated in the Senate.

**HUGHES MENTIONED.**  
In the last several days, there has been increasing mention of Justice Hughes as Secretary of State. As a lawyer and jurist Justice Hughes is well qualified for the position. He has not, of course, had the training in the international and diplomatic field that Knox or Root has. David Jayne Hill, for years in the diplomatic service, has been repeatedly mentioned.

The common assumption that former Senator George Sutherland will be in the new Cabinet is understood to be well founded. His selection for the Attorney Generalship and later on for the Supreme Court is a probability.

Practically all the Cabinet slates include National Chairman Will H. Hays as Postmaster General. It is understood to be very doubtful whether Mr. Hays would care to accept the office of Postmaster General, as he is a lawyer by profession and is in a position to practice it under attractive circumstances.

**NEW TO STAY IN SENATE.**  
There is also the talk that Senator

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New will quit the Senate, take a Cabinet place and Mr. Hays will succeed him as Senator. The fact is that Senator New expects to remain in the Senate, though he will have a fight for renomination against former Senator Albert J. Beveridge, two years hence, who is no opponent to be lightly or despised.

Harry M. Daugherty, of Columbus, Ohio friend of Senator Harding, indicated while in Washington he had no expectation of being Postmaster General. Mr. Daugherty has been mentioned also for Attorney General. Friends of Mr. Daugherty are doubtful whether he would care to drop his law practice, which is heavy, and take a Cabinet place.

### WEEKS POST CERTAIN.

That former Senator John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, will be in the Cabinet, as Secretary of the Navy or Secretary of the Treasury, is taken for granted. Much doubt is felt here, however, whether Senator Harding will select a soldier for Secretary of War. Both Generals Wood and Pershing are freely talked of for this position. Chairman Julius Kahn, of the House Military Committee, has much support for the place.

Henry Wallace, of Des Moines, is looked on as the probable selection for Secretary of Agriculture, because of his close relations to Senator Harding.

For Secretary of Labor, Congressman Nolan, of California, or Raymond Robins, of Illinois, is likely to be named.

Senator Fall is mentioned for Secretary of the Interior, as is also former Secretary James R. Garfield.

Gov. Frank O. Lowden is put into many of the Cabinet lists for Secretary of the Treasury. This is by no means a certainty. The latest gossip on this subject is that Governor Lowden may prefer to take an ambassadorship, such as the one at Paris.

For Secretary of Commerce, there are several names mentioned, such as A. T. Hirt, of Kentucky, and Albert D. Laaker, of Chicago, both prominent in the management of the campaign. Frank A. Munsey has also been mentioned, and also former Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Charles Nagel.

### WOMAN HAS CHANCE.

If there is a new department created, a woman will be added to the Cabinet. A department of education is thought by some to be in the cards, but as a matter of fact Senator Harding is committed most strongly to a new department of public or social welfare.

This new department, which would include the Children's Bureau, the Women's Bureau, the public health service and other social welfare agencies, would be headed by a woman. For the place, which is not yet a certainty, such names as those of Mary Garrett Hay, Harriet Taylor Upton, Mrs. Medill McCormick, Mrs. Manly L. Fossom, and Mrs. John G. South are mentioned. And while Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt did not support the Republican party in the recent campaign, it is not out of the question that her name would be considered. Mrs. Florence Kelly, too, would have many supporters.

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# VOLUNTEERS ASKED IN RED CROSS DRIVE

Workers Sought for Closing Appeal in Annual Mercy Roll Call.

In a final effort to crown with success the energies of the workers in the fourth Red Cross roll call, which officially ends tomorrow night, today and tomorrow will be known as "Volunteer Days," and all those interested in the welfare of the organization are earnestly requested to enroll their services at headquarters, 1414 F street northwest, as soon as possible to secure members.

The girls from national and Potomac division headquarters will offer their aid in a body, this afternoon, and will be assigned to the Union Station and various hotels, banks and theaters to relieve some of the members of the chapter auxiliaries, who have been on duty since Armistice Day.

Roll call headquarters announced yesterday that the membership had reached the 30,000 mark.

The District of Columbia chapter will be represented in the Pilgrim's parade tonight by a huge illuminated float containing representatives of the various units in uniform. The float is being wired and decorated at the navy yard under the supervision of Capt. James J. Brady, U. S. N., captain of the yard.

Red Cross moving pictures in the line of march will be one of the striking features of the parade. They will be shown on a screen from the chapter motor truck driven by Mrs. Allyn K. Capron, head of the Red Cross kitchen, who will also serve coffee and refreshments to the ladies on the float after the parade at the chapter house.

The District Red Cross motor corps in the charge of Mrs. Charles D. Carter, captain commanding, will cooperate with the Red Cross unit.

## 32 IN ARMY SENTENCED TO DEATH IN PAST YEAR

Crowder Reports No Case Where Penalty Was Exacted.

Thirty-two persons in the army were sentenced to death by court-martial in the last fiscal year, but in no case was the sentence carried into effect, says Maj. Gen. Enoch H. Crowder, judge advocate general, in his annual report, made public yesterday. Twelve of the death sentences were disapproved, nineteen reduced to imprisonment ranging from life terms to five years, and one case was pending when the report was compiled.

Only nine of the cases were for military offenses. Eight were found guilty of misbehavior in the face of the enemy and one was sentenced as a spy.

Trials for desertion were slightly less numerous than for the two preceding years, but the comparative number was larger. Confinement for life was imposed in forty-two cases, thirty-one of the sentences being approved, two disappeared, eight mitigated to shorter terms. One pending awaits action after court-martial.

In all 236 officers were sentenced to dismissal after court-martial. Of these, 134 sentences were approved. The total number of general courts for the more serious offenses was 6,789; 85.5 per cent convictions being obtained.

## CHIEF RUM WITNESS VANISHES BEFORE TRIAL

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Disappearance of Frank Lucibella, New Haven, Conn., expected to be the star witness in a "wood alcohol case" here, is announced. Lucibella was said to have purchased alleged poisonous "whiskey" from Carmine Lisenziata, who is charged with manslaughter. The case originated a year ago when numerous deaths were caused in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts by alcohol alleged to have been sold by the defendant.

A strict search was being made for the star witness, who had not been under arrest.

## PAUPER SLAYS HIS MATE.

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 24.—In an apparent fit of dementia, Richard Oddy, seventy-five, committed to the almshouse here, killed John De Block, ninety, and injured two other inmates with two metal buckets, according to the police. The men were roommates. Oddy was arrested and held without bail.

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## EX-MARINE SULTAN PASSES UP HAREM

Soldier of Fortune Who Gained Island of Liang-Liang Weds Girl Back Home.

FRANKLIN, Mass., Nov. 24.—Robert A. (Bob) McClain, formerly of San Francisco, ex-marine and soldier of fortune, has written the War Department today for confirmation of the report that he has been willed the empire of the sultan of Liang-Liang and—the sultan's harem of forty dusky wives.

The little empire of Liang-Liang is an island in the South seas, washed by tropical waters. The possessions include valuable pearl fisheries. Fifteen hundred subjects dwell in this land of palm trees and sunshine.

McClain once saved the sultan's life and was adopted as the sultan's son. It happened back in 1909, when "Bob," as a member of the Second Marines, was ordered to the island, at the extreme end of the Philippines. McClain says he rescued the sultan from some men who were beating him and that the aged sultan finally made him his "son and heir." Now the sultan is dead and McClain is informed unofficially that the title for the empire, harem and all, awaits him.

But McClain was married to Miss Ethel Miller at Wrentham, Mass., last March, so he is going to disband the harem if the War Department confirms the advice from Liang-Liang. For Mrs. McClain wants to go to the South seas. At present McClain is working as a mechanic.

## MOTOR PLOWS TO CLEAR SNOW FROM MD. ROADS

FREDERICK, Md., Nov. 24.—Snow plows, pushed by huge motor trucks, will be used to clear the State roads of snow this winter, according to an announcement by the roads commission.

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